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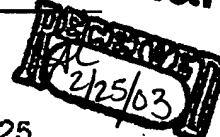
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Re: U.S. Patent Application Serial No.: 08/886,516  
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Enclosed please find a response to the Office Action mailed November 25, 2002 in regards to the above referenced application.

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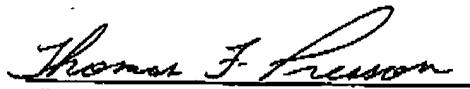
Sir:

Transmitted herewith is an amendment in the above-identified application. The fee has been calculated as shown below.

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Sir:

In response to the Office Action mailed November 25, 2002, having a three-month statutory period for response set to expire on February 25, 2003, please amend the above-captioned application as follows.

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